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Applicants:

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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450

Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In the matter of the above-identified application, Applicants hereby respectfully petition for an extension of time to permit filing a response within the third month after the shortened statutory period set in the outstanding Office Action mailed December 31, 2002. (A Credit Card Authorization form in the amount of \$930.00 is attached to cover the required fee of Applicants)

It is requested that any shortage of fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, be charged to Deposit Account No. 01-2135 (case 500.38665CX1), and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

Respectfully submitted,

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